

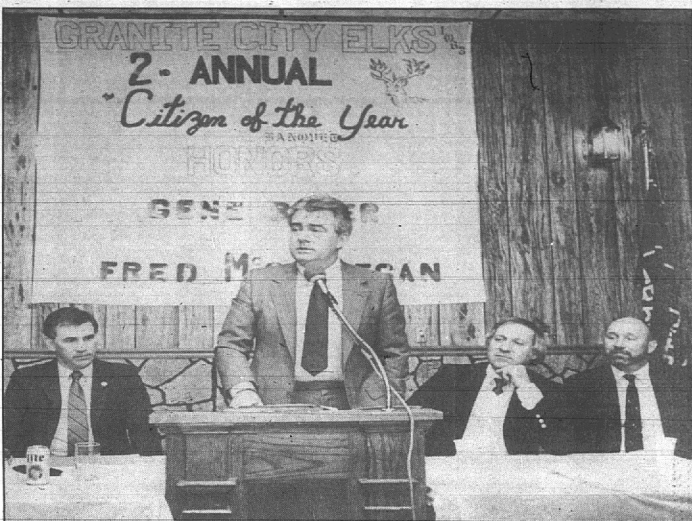
Congressional candidates fear voting irregularities

By Mike Myers Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Congressional nomination candidates Pete Fields and Mike Mansfield are worried about potential improper voting in East St. Louis in Tuesday's primary, but candidate Jerry Costello is not. "I'm talking about buying of votes. I'm talking about votes being bought and sold in East St. Louis," said Fields, Madison County auditor. "I believe James Lewis (executive director, East St. Louis election board) is honest and I believe in the integrity of the election board. But it's obvious they are hamstringing by forces from outside. Forces from Belleville," Fields said. "Yes, I'm worried," Mansfield said; he is on leave as retiring Rep. Melvin Price's chief aide. "I've already heard about money coming down from 'The Hill,' and the other day I heard a rumor about jobs. "People don't commit (voting irregularities) without incentives and that means money. It takes a person with money. That's not me and it's not Pete Fields," Mansfield said. "That's absolutely ridiculous," said Dave Wagner, campaign manager for Costello, St. Clair County Board chairman. Costello has raised the largest campaign fund of all the 21st Congressional District candidates. "The only (election irregularity) in East St. Louis in recent

years is the \$19,000 Pete Fields poured into it (the congressional primary) two years ago — and it didn't get him anything," Wagner said. Mansfield has a complaint before the Federal Election Commission asking it to investigate the transfer of \$19,000 from Fields' 1986 campaign fund to East St. Louis Mayor Carl Officer and to investigate allegations that \$10,000 obtained from river-front development bonds was used to print campaign literature for Fields. "Some people have to do desperate things to get their names in the paper," said Fields. "He keeps reshaping the same old thing. To be honest, I thought Mike was bigger than that." "I don't think Pete Fields intentionally did anything wrong. But this stuff in East St. Louis has got to be stopped. Pete gave a third of his money to East St. Louis and for what? If I gave away that kind of money I would — and as an auditor would — do this. I would at least get some kind of receipt," Mansfield said. U.S. Attorney Frederick J. Hess announced plans Thursday to have assistant U.S. attorneys available election day to take complaints from 2 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 482-9361 or 482-9362. They will coordinate with appropriate state and local agencies to provide on-the-scene responses, he said. Hess said he urges all candidates to utilize trained, credentialed poll watchers to help

"make this a fair election. "They will give us the benefit of a trained observer in the event election fraud is attempted," Hess said. "But it is important that the candidates get their people credentialed by the election board so they can do the job." Fields and Mansfield both plan to have poll watchers in East St. Louis, but both doubt they will have enough watchers to be effective in preventing fraudulent activity. "What worries me most are people who might be registered in 19 different precincts," Mansfield said. "There's just not a lot you can do." "I'm hoping to have enough people there to bring some semblance of control," Fields said. "But there aren't enough resources in the city to guarantee a fair election." "They're desperate and need to get their names in the paper," said Wagner. "I'm sure elections in East St. Louis are scrutinized more closely than anywhere else in the 21st District. The elections are fair and that is a fact borne out by all of the federal, state and local agencies in every one of their investigations." Mansfield said, "If the election is close, if it's only a matter of a thousand or so votes, then you are going to see everything hit the fan. We can't have an election decided by vote fraud. That's not what America is about."



Citizens of the Year

HONORED BY ELKS: Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker speaks to the gathering at Elks Lodge 1063 last week for the Citizen of the Year banquet. Baker, who holds most of the records for an Illinois high school soccer coach, and Fred McCollegan, credited for saving the life of a Caseyville woman on the morning of Dec. 15: From left are Louis "Cookie" Zozoff, chairman of the banquet, Baker, Elk Jim Whaley and McCollegan.

School to close with bishop's permission

By Paul Guggina Staff writer

Pastors at Granite City's four Roman Catholic churches are proceeding with a plan to close two of the churches and the Sacred Heart-St. Joseph School, the Rev. William Fisherkeller said Thursday. Bishop Daniel Ryan is expected to give final approval to the plan this week, Fisherkeller said. Representatives of the city's four parishes have formed a special task force and are holding weekly meetings to discuss the plan, which can only be implemented with the bishop's permission. Fisherkeller said he is "90 percent sure" Ryan will approve the plan. Under the plan, which was developed by the pastors and the Rev. Virgil Mank of the Alton-Danbury, St. Margaret Mary and St. Joseph churches would be closed, and parishioners would be divided between the two remaining churches, St. Elizabeth and Sacred Heart. The St. Joseph property — including the church, school,

convent and rectory — would be sold by the Diocese of Springfield, the administrative body that owns the property. Students from the Sacred Heart-St. Joseph School would attend either St. Elizabeth School, 2300 Union Road, or St. Margaret Mary School, 1900 St. Clair Ave. The latter school would be renamed, Fisherkeller said. While some parents of students at the schools objected to the plan initially, Fisherkeller said their concerns are being dealt with. "The parents' main concern was transportation of their children," he said. "We've addressed that at the meetings. Parents will be pleased because this will allow us to offer a much better program for the children. There will be a better curriculum, a more productive learning environment and more programs for the children." Dwindling attendance and finances, as well as a lack of personnel, have been cited reasons for the proposed consolidations.

Venice board dismisses teachers as precaution

By Paul Guggina Staff writer

VENICE — The Board of Education will send honorable discharge notices to 20 teachers this week as a safeguard against possible funding cuts. In his letter to the teachers, Board President Wilbert Glasper states that the measure is necessary "because of the uncertainty of continued federal and/or state funding." If the district receives the funding it is expecting, all of the teachers would be rehired, Superintendent Charles McCaskill said. Attorney Mike Bilbrey said that if the district does receive funding cuts and not all of the teachers can be rehired, the teachers would be hired back in

order of seniority. The district sends out honorable dismissal letters every year at this time, Bilbrey said. The certified letters must be received by the teachers at least 90 days before the last day of classes. District officials won't know how much federal of state funding they will be receiving until summer, Bilbrey said. Those being sent letters are Shirley Blasingame, Ann Mullins, Mary Mueller, Ruth Marie Welch, Linda Svezia, Mary Shaw, Barbara Bailey, Ruth Rein, Peter Ponce, Michael Donnan, Betty Cunningham, Jim Russell, Al J. Delany, Ramona Glasper, Khadijah Johnson, Laverne Rice, Raymond Mosby, Peggy Tapscott, Leonard Arons and Lori Edwards.

Party leader, prosecutor, mayor in precinct contests

By Bill Winter Staff writer

Republican candidates for precinct committee positions are almost non-existent in the Quad City area in Tuesday's primary election, but fiercely-contested committeeman races have developed among Democrats. Madison County Democratic Chairman Mac Warfield is being challenged in Granite City Precinct 2 by Albert R. Valencia, while Madison Mayor John Bell-coff is opposed by Maxine Costoff in Venice 9. Mrs. Costoff is the widow of Christ Costoff, who

preceded Warfield as county party chairman. Mike Sasyk, Bellecoff's predecessor as mayor of Madison, faces Eleanor L. Armour for Venice Precinct 6 committeeman. State's Attorney Dick Allen, in a close race for renomination in Madison County, also has an opponent in his home precinct, Granite City 17 — Barbara "Barb" Hodges. Don Garrett, seeking re-election to the Madison County Board, is opposed in Venice 5 by Beulah W. Williams.

Four precinct candidates, Arthur Asadorian, Allen H. Collins, Loren H. Davis and Michael B. Edwards, are competing in Granite City 35, while Granite City 32 has three contenders — Dewey Melton, Alderwoman Judith J. Whitaker and James H. "Jim" Harman. Alderman Daniel J. Partney and Kathie Williams are opponents in Granite City 8. Alderwoman Sharon S. Perjak is a candidate in Granite City 20 against Jim "Red" Worthen. There are many other two-way contests among Democrats but

most of the precincts have lone committeeman candidates for election on Tuesday. No one filed in Chouteau 4. Outnumbered heavily in this community, Republicans have a smaller party structure. There are no GOP committee candidates in Chouteau (Mitchell-Hartford area) or Venice Township (Madison-Venice area). Wm. A. Winter is unopposed for Republican committeeman of Nameoki 11. And in the Granite City Republican Party, Dale G. Hyle is running in Precinct 12 and Daniel Bruce Smith is a candidate in Precinct 33.



Tree falls

A BRISK WIND brought down this old tree Friday afternoon in Granite City. The tree fell across the roof of a one-story frame home at 2235 14th St., near the intersection of McCambridge Avenue. Gina Crowell, 28, who lives in the house, returned from class at Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College to find the damage. No one was hurt.

Candidates continue to get endorsed

GRANITE CITY — Endorsements and candidates have come to light in the waning moments of the Illinois primary. As the March 15 election nears, many announcements focus on Democrats seeking the Congressional nomination, and three Republicans have come forward to seek office. On Thursday, at the Republican's Lincoln Day Dinner in Bethalto, it was announced that Dennis Douglas, Moro, will seek the new circuit court judgeship; Madison County Board member Homer Henke, Moro, will run for recorder of deeds; and Mark McDowell, Collinsville, will run for auditor. For the Democrats, Madison County Treasurer Mick Henke has endorsed St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry Costello for Congress. Edwardsville Township Supervisor Bob Stille urges voters to nominate Mike Mansfield, who is on leave of absence as the top aide to retiring U.S. Rep. Melvin Price. Madison County Auditor Pete Fields, another candidate for Congress, is endorsed by 2nd Ward Alderman Jim Miller. Madison County Board member Bill Haine is favored for state's attorney by 10 police chiefs, including Madison Chief Charles Bridick. Incumbent Dick Allen is endorsed by Granite City Local 16 of the United Steelworkers of America.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

96 acres annexed by Pontoon Beach

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — Ninety-six acres of agricultural land north and east of Arlington Heights Subdivision were annexed into the village Tuesday night.

All the annexed property is scheduled for residential development with housing to be constructed on one-acre tracts.

Petitioning for annexation of 96 acres were Mike and Winifred Sasyk and Kelly and Shirley Dutko. Their property is directly north of the existing homes in Arlington Heights and contiguous with village boundaries.

Arlington Heights Subdivision was not annexed, but is now virtually encircled by the village, whose boundaries were extended eastward to Illinois 157 by earlier annexation.

The second petition approved, for 5.2 acres to be included in the village, was submitted by Kelly Hogan.

The latter property, to be known as Hogan Subdivision, will be developed by Donna Megan Kimbro, with four homes to be constructed, each

on a one-acre tract. Pontoon Beach extends into four townships — Nameoki, Chouteau, Collinsville and Edwardsville. Village Clerk Mary Warren said. Part of the property annexed Tuesday is in Collinsville Township.

Only one house, east of Interstate 270 near Sand Road, is in Edwardsville Township, Warren added.

Two smaller parcels of property were also annexed at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Nearly one acre of land owned by the Pontoon Beach Public Water District at Lakeview Drive, Lake Drive and Morrison Road was annexed. The property is zoned for general business.

The request for annexation was approved at last week's meeting of the water district and was presented by V.K. Sailer, district chairman, Warren said.

A 200-foot, single-family residential lot owned by Jennifer Stevens, located across the road from the water district property on Lakeview Drive, also was annexed.

Magna will combine banks in Columbia, Dupo, Cahokia

William S. Badgley, chairman of the board of Magna Group Inc., announced on March 4 that Dupo State Savings Bank and Bank of Cahokia will be combined with Magna Bank of Columbia.

All three of these banks are affiliates of Magna Group.

"Many banks throughout the country, as the law permits, have begun to merge to reduce cost of operations, which translates into savings for the total organization," Badgley said.

"Dupo and Cahokia will continue to operate as full-service financial centers for their customers in those markets. This action will enable us to better serve all our customers in Columbia, Dupo and Cahokia."

The combined assets of Magna Bank of Columbia will be \$115 million after the banks have been combined. The current directors of Dupo State Savings Bank and Bank of Cahokia will become directors of Magna Bank of Columbia.

"Cencom recognizes that the Illinois primary is attracting a great deal of interest this year, and we want to make sure that local citizens have an opportunity to follow the results as closely as possible," he said.

Cencom and WRYT will provide updates on primary races for the 21st Congressional District, state's attorney, county auditor and Illinois presidential primary.

Troxel said the Channel 10 coverage will include live interviews with local political leaders and expert political analysis. In addition to the WRYT audio reports, Cencom will provide continuous election updates on Channel 10.

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Cencom providing election coverage

Cencom Cable Television will provide its Illinois customers with "live, up-to-the-minute" updates on the March 15 Illinois primary voting results, the company has announced.

Dave Troxel, general manager, said Cencom will begin carrying local and statewide March 15 voting results at 8 p.m. on Channel 10, the company's local programming channel. The election coverage will continue until "the primary results are in," he said.

"We have an exclusive arrangement with radio station WRYT-AM (1080 on the radio dial) for the station to provide live audio reports on the primary on Channel 10," Troxel said. WRYT ceases its radio transmission after sundown, but the station's election coverage team will continue to transmit reports on Channel 10 throughout the night.

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Many primary races to be held Tuesday

By Bill Winter
Staff writer

Intense competition for Congressional and Madison County state's attorney nominations will highlight primary voting Tuesday, March 15, in 36 Granite City, 12 Nameoki, 11 Venice Township and seven Chouteau precincts.

Voting hours will be 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Democrats and Republicans will elect presidential delegates and precinct committeemen, as well as choosing nominees for the Nov. 8 general election. The only Solidarity Party candidate in local balloting will be Lendra B. Fulani, seeking the presidency.

Granite Citizens will decide whether their township should annex the Gorbie residential area, now in Nameoki Township. The neighborhood is east of Johnson Road and south of Clark Avenue.

Mitchell residents and others in the unincorporated area of Chouteau Township will vote on whether to join the Hartford Public Library District to obtain library services. The tax rate limit is 15 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

Madison Countyans will decide whether to increase their Sheltered Care Home/Nursing Home tax rate ceiling from 2.5 cents to 5 cents per \$100. County officials have said that, without the increase, the Sheltered Care Home will have to be closed. The home provides patients with maintenance, nurse service and personal care.

With Vice President George Bush edging toward clinching the Republican presidential nomination, he will be competing in the Illinois "candidate beauty contest" along with Sen. Bob Dole, Pat Robertson, U.S. Rep. Jack P. Kemp, Pete DuPont and Alexander M. Haig Jr. In addition, prospective delegates are running on behalf of Bush, Dole, Robertson and Kemp, with three delegates to be elected.

Democratic presidential contenders on the Illinois ballot are U.S. Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, Jesse L. Jackson, Michael S. Dukakis, Al Gore, Dick Gephardt, Gary Hart, Bruce Babbitt and Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

Five Democratic convention delegates will be chosen from this congressional district. Candidates on the ballot have allegiance to Simon, Jackson, Dukakis, Gore, Gephardt, Hart, Babbitt and uncommitted.

Each party also will pick alternate delegates.

With U.S. Rep. Melvin Price planning to retire after 44 years in Congress, spirited competition for the 21st District Democratic nomination has developed between Madison County Auditor Pete Fields, Madison lawyer Steve Maragides, St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry F. Costello and Mike Mansfield, now on leave as Price's chief aide. Robert H. "Bob" Gaffner, Greenville, is unopposed for the Republican nomination.

State's Attorney Dick Allen, Granite City, is seeking renomination, opposed in the Democratic primary by William R. "Bill" Haine, Alton, who was endorsed by the party's Central Committee. A former state's attorney, Don Weber, Carpenter rural area, is seeking the Republican nomination.

Unopposed in the primary are State Rep. Sam W. Wolf, D-Granite City, and Circuit Clerk Willard V. Portell, D-Collinsville.

Democratic nomination rivals in Madison County are:

Recorder of deeds — Incumbent Ronald P. "Rink" Lucas, Maryville, Daniel R. Donohoo, Wood River, and Terry "Bones" Allan, Collinsville.

Auditor — Fred Bathon, Madison, H. Jack Frandsen, Alton, and Michael R. Myler, Collinsville.

Coroner — Incumbent Dallas M. Burke, Alton, and Bob Thomas, Granite City.

Madison County Board candidates for Democratic nomination include: District 22, Incumbent Herbert "Junior" Milton, Granite City, unopposed; District 23, Incumbent Don Garrett, Madison, and Stephen Isenburg, Nameoki Township; and District 24, Incumbent Frank Dutko, Madison, and Edward J. Dohnal, Madison.

Candidates for the Democratic nomination for Fifth District justice on the Illinois Supreme Court are Horace L. Calvo, Glen Carbon, Carl H. Becker, Red Bud, Robert S. Hill, Benton, and Charles J. Kolker, East St. Louis. The lone Republican candidate is Thomas M. Welch, Collinsville.

For the Jones vacancy as Fifth Appellate District judge, the only Republican candidate is William C. Evers III, Collinsville. Democratic nomination candidates are A. Andreas "Andy" Matosian, Granite City, Robert Mays, Aviston, and Robert H. Howerton, Carverville.

The Karns appellate seat is sought by one Republican, Robert M. Keenan Jr., Mt. Carmel, and three Democrats: Charles W. "Bill" Chapman, Edwardsville, Stephen M. Kernan, Belleville, and Lehman "Lee" Krause, Mt. Vernon.

A new appellate judge position is the goal of Philip J. Rarick, D-Troy, and Donald Lowery R-Golconda. A second new appellate post is sought by Richard P. Goldenbersh, D-Bellefonte, and J. Thomas Long, R-Godfrey.

The 3rd Circuit's Johnson circuit judgeship is sought by Paul Riley, D-Edwardsville, now serving by appointment.

A new circuit judge position has no ballot candidates but write-in campaigns are being waged by Charles Romani Jr., D-Glen Carbon, and Elizabeth Levy, D-Collinsville.

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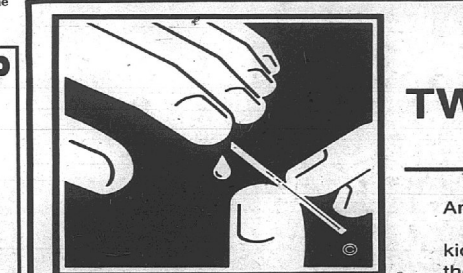
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Candidates differ on 'light rail' plan

By David Rocks

P-51J Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — The four Democratic candidates for Congress in the 21st District have similar views on most pressing issues of the day, a written questionnaire answered by the candidates shows.

On foreign policy, defense, and most domestic and local issues, the four — St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry Costello, Madison County Auditor Pete Fields, Mike Mansfield, former top aide to retiring Rep. Mel Price, and Madison lawyer Steve Maragides — were largely in agreement.

The only clear differences among the candidates were on a constitutional amendment banning abortions, which Costello supports but his opponents are against; "workfare programs," which Maragides opposes; and the proposed Metro Link light rail system, supported only by Costello.

The survey was mailed last month to the four candidates.

While Costello supports a constitutional amendment banning abortions, he said he doesn't oppose abortion when it is the only option to save a mother's life. Mansfield wrote that he would support a constitutional convention to decide on such an amendment.

All of the candidates except Maragides support some sort of "workfare" program under which welfare recipients might be required to work to receive benefits. But none of them would require mothers with young children to work.

Fields wrote that "we would have to make sure that our best and finest resource, our children, are properly cared for." Costello noted that such a program should include day care for children of working mothers, and education and training for program participants. "The cycle of welfare dependency can be broken only by encouraging welfare recipients to work, without discouraging family unity," he wrote.

Mansfield also said he would support a program that included training, and said, "A mother should be required to work when a job is offered her — after the child reaches a specific age, perhaps three to five years of age."

Costello was the only candi-

diate to give unqualified support to the proposed Metro Link project that would run from East St. Louis to Lambert Field in St. Louis County. The system is "our best hope for dealing with the growing problems of traffic congestion and inadequate bridge capacity across the Mississippi," Costello wrote.

Mansfield considers the light rail car system "a St. Louis project" because only one station would be located in Illinois. He said that while he does not support the project, he would not oppose efforts by Missouri lawmakers to fund it.

Fields said he would cut funding for Metro Link as part of a nationwide effort to cut the budget deficit and wrote, "I do not think it is a particularly good use of federal dollars."

Maragides does not consider Metro Link a high-priority item and thinks the system would be underutilized.

Highlights of the candidates' views on other issues covered by the survey follow.

PERSIAN GULF
Fields: "The current reflagging of ships in the Persian Gulf is a tactic awaiting a strategy. We have no clear policy in the Gulf now and it is long past time we developed one."

Mansfield: "We cannot allow a fanatic country like Iran to dictate to the United States and threaten the world oil market."

Maragides: "It is necessary to maintain the freedom of the seas in a civilized world. Even if the oil being protected is not used in the United States, it is necessary for the U.S. to protect it."

SMOKING GUN
Mansfield: "I would not support bans on flights longer than two hours."

ACID RAIN
Costello: "I would advocate the use of scrubbers since such an approach would allow the widespread use of our vast coal resources for energy production and would not lead to an increased dependence on foreign oil and gas."

Fields: "We should invest in technologies that would allow Illinois coal to be utilized without adding to the acid rain problem."

SDI
Fields: "Most of the best scientific minds in this nation have said the (strategic defense initiative) system will not work and

as a nation we cannot afford to spend our precious resources on such foolhardy endeavors."

Maragides: "My present position toward SDI is skeptical. If I receive further scientific information revising the prospects of the success of SDI, I would be open-minded in regard to modifying my position."

DEFENSE SPENDING
Costello: "It is clear that the defense procurement process is badly in need of reform and that there needs to be a shift in emphasis of our defense programs to conventional forces. By spending better, we can avoid real increases in spending, but it may be difficult to significantly reduce spending further."

Fields: "You can't throw money at defense, but at the same time you can't cut the heart out of the real programs we need to defend our country. More is not better and less is not better. Only better is better."

Mansfield: "Defense must be cut to effectively reduce the deficit. I would reduce the number of troops and bases overseas and scrap the Maverick missile and A-10 fighter projects."

Maragides: "I favor neither an increase nor a decrease of the present amount of defense spending. If a comprehensive control treaty with the Soviets is ratified, I would favor a reduction in defense spending."

HOUSING
Costello: "While it is clear that public housing has not been a good answer to the housing needs of low-income people, there must be a larger federal role in addressing this problem. I will support increased federal funding which will lead to a public-private partnership to meet our housing needs."

Maragides: "I do not agree with this trend, but in view of the current budget deficit, I am not inclined to reverse it."

SCOTT AIR BASE
Fields: "Commercial use (of Scott) might jeopardize the military mission of the base and preclude possibly more lucrative commands being assigned to the base in the future. I also question the environmental impact commercial traffic might have."

Maragides: "I support the construction of a separate civilian airport at Columbia-Waterloo."

President Reagan addresses Legion Auxiliary members

Dorothy Hinson and Norma Hillmer, both from Madison, attended the annual American Legion Auxiliary Awareness Assembly in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 28 through March 2 and the American Security Council Seminar in Boston, Va., from March 2 through 4.

During the legislative briefing, Auxiliary members were addressed by President Ronald Reagan.

Members visited with congressional leaders and were briefed on matters such as AIDS developments, hospice as a growing health care concept and U.S.-Soviet relations.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a 1 million member patriotic organization, the largest in the world.

Hinson and Hillmer are members of Venice-Madison Unit 307, Venice.

Divorced Catholics to meet March 18

"Southern Illinois Divorced/Separated Catholics will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, in Eckhard Hall at St. Boniface Church, 110 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville. The Rev. Kenneth Stewart, SJUE campus minister will speak. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call 465-1463.

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Saturday workshops increased at GCC

Five additional noncredit workshops have been added to the Saturday Experience schedule at the Granite City Campus to accommodate enrollment requests.

Those sessions added include: March 19 and 26: More Clowning; April 9 and 16: Beginning Calligraphy; April 23 and 30: Basketry, market.

Most of the workshops meet from two to three hours.

A fifth session, on photography darkrooms, has been added and

already closed because of heavy registration.

"We expect other workshops to be filled before the first sessions in March or April," said Valerie L. Thaxton, dean of students. "As we are forced to close these sessions because of enrollment requests, we will make every effort to add sessions."

For information about these and other Saturday Experience workshops, persons may call 931-0600.

Kelli Wilson named pledge trainer at SMSU

Kelli Wilson, a junior at Southeast Missouri State University, has been elected pledge trainer of the Phi Mu Chapter of Delta

Delta Delta Sorority for 1988. She is the daughter of Al and Judy Wilson and resides at 3241 Willow Ave.

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Nursing director says county shelter home needs tax raise

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTON BEACH — The Madison County Sheltered Care Home for persons who no longer are able to live at home probably will close if the 2½ cent tax rate limit increase fails to pass in the March 15 election.

Laura Blotvogel, director of nursing at the county-operated shelter home, addressed the Board of Trustees Tuesday night, urging support for the referendum's passage.

The measure seeks voter approval for an increase of 2½ cents per \$100 assessed valuation, she said. The present tax levied for the shelter care home, which opened in 1965, is 2½ cents per \$100 valuation.

If approved, the rate limit change could lead to a tax rise of \$3.45 annually for a family owning a \$46,000 home assessed at one-third of value.

Blotvogel said there are 60 residents at the shelter care facility and only 13 of those are private-paying residents who can afford to pay the \$225 monthly rate.

The remaining 47 contribute about \$470 each through pensions or Public Aid payments made monthly by the State of Illinois.

"For many of these people their money has run out and they are now at the mercy of other people," Blotvogel said. The average age of the residents is 70 and each resident is obligated to pay his or her own way, depending on the resources.

Recent figures show it costs \$76 a day to house a juvenile, \$38 a day to keep a prisoner and \$11.50 a day to board a pet at an area pet center, she said. Based on a 30-day month, the \$470 monthly payment received from the state averages less than \$16 a day per person.

Meals, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, personal hygiene and medication monitoring are handled by 35 employees (20 part-time), working three shifts. The employees are union members, Blotvogel said.

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Money also is raised privately for the home through volunteer groups holding bake sales, rummage sales and other activities.

Churches, Girl Scouts, college students, Junior Service clubs, Jaycees, American Legion posts, Amvets and area musicians are among those contributing free services to the home.

The home is owned and operated by Madison County and licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health.



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Absentee voting ends Monday

In-person absentee voting will be available in the Madison County clerk's office, Edwardsville, until 5 p.m. March 14.

County Clerk Evelyn Bowles is encouraging Madison County voters to exercise their rights and obligations if they qualify.

"The state law provides for absentee voting prior to the election; however, certain requirements must be met before a person can properly vote by absentee ballot," she said.

To qualify for an absentee ballot, a person must be a properly registered voter who is unable to vote in-person at his or her polling place on election day for one

of the following reasons:

- Expected to be absent from the county on election day.
- Appointed to serve as an election judge in a precinct outside of the home precinct.
- Be physically incapacitated.
- Be observing a religious holiday.

•Be acting in an official capacity as an election official.

In addition, nursing home residents and permanently physically incapacitated persons may qualify to vote absentee.

Questions regarding absentee voting or voting in general should be directed to the County Clerk's Office, 622-2290.

Free glaucoma test by Venice Lions Thursday

The Lions of Illinois Foundation glaucoma screening bus will be at the Venice Recreation Center parking lot on Broadway, near the Venice Public Library, on Thursday, March 17, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sponsor is the Venice Lions Club. The president is Greg Katana and the immediate past president is Greene Jack. The glaucoma screening bus is open free to the public.

Everyone, especially senior citizens, is being encouraged to be tested.

Glaucoma is an eye disease which could eventually cause blindness, a spokesman said.

12 seek patrolman position in Madison

Twelve applicants beat the March 8 deadline to file for possible selection as a probationary patrolman with the Madison Police Department, said Bruce Troits, secretary of the Madison Board of Police Commissioners.

The board is compiling an eligibility list for the position, which will become vacant after someone is promoted to the lieutenant vacancy last month by the retirement of William C. Papa.

The board will meet Monday night, March 14, to discuss testing procedures for both the patrolman and lieutenant positions. Troits said the board will probably complete an eligibility list within three months.

Junior Tamburitzaans recruiting members

The Happy Strings Junior Tamburitzaans is recruiting new members. An organizational meeting will be held at 3 p.m. today (Sunday) at the Croatian Home, 1000 Madison Ave., Madison.

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In this week's Grand Opening Sale circular, we advertised a Zap-it gun on sale for 4.99 on page 2. Due to manufacturer's inability to ship, they will not be available. Rain checks will be issued.

Also in this circular we advertised ladies' plus size stretch denim jeans on sale for 15.99 on page 7. Due to manufacturer's inability to ship, they will not be available. Sorry, no rain checks will be issued.

In this same circular, we advertised the Graco Travel Mate stroller on sale for 39.99 on page 18. Due to manufacturer's inability to ship, they will not be available. Rain checks will be issued.

On page 29 we advertised man's or woman's Sightseer 10-speed city/mountain bike on sale for 79.97 on page 29. The photo shows the woman's model with a carrier rack. The carrier rack is not included with the bike.

On page 30, we advertised a Crown AM/FM stereo cassette player with auto-stop (Model no. C2110) on sale for 19.99. Due to an error in photography, the stereo was shown with speakers. Speakers are not included with the cassette deck.

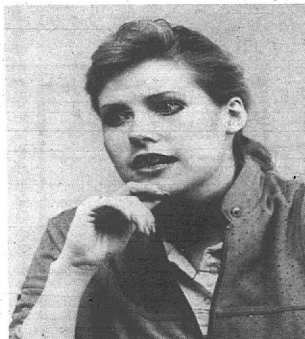
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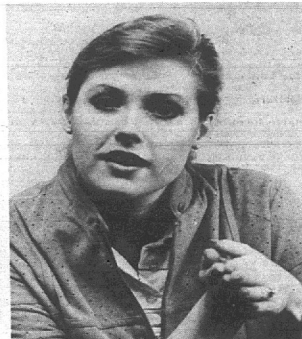
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By Valerie E.
Staff writer

Two candidates for public service in the Democratic primary election March 15, 1988, are Don E. Garrett, Jr., 31, and Stephen F. Northland, 41.

Garrett is a director of the Illinois Department of Transportation, a promoter of the Granite City area and an incumbent.

Northland is a director of the Granite City area and an incumbent.

Garrett is a four-year term on the Board. He was

man from 1984 and was Madison Board from 1977 to 1984.

In response to "Should County hold more elections?" Garrett said:

"I do not think elected officials should be elected as an alderman or a board member to run a board reflecting the

people's will. He who serves God, serves man."

Northland said: "I have experienced a lot of things in my life. I have seen the fall of a great city and the rise of a new one."

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Garrett, Isenburg vie in District 23 2 seek write-in votes

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

Two candidates, both with public service records, are seeking the Democratic nomination for Madison County Board District 23 in the March 15 primary.

Don E. Garrett, 54, 401 West Second St., Madison, executive director of Don Garrett Associates, a promotions, consultation and public relations firm, is the incumbent.

Stephen F. Isenburg, 43, 2179 Northland Drive, a teacher in the Granite City School District and Nameoki Township's tax collector, is opposing Garrett.

Garrett is seeking his second four-year term on the County Board. He was a Madison alderman from 1975 until December 1986 and was a member of the Madison Board of Education from 1977 to 1987.

In response to the question: "Should County Board members hold more than one office?" Garrett said:

"I do not believe that any elected official should hold more than one office. My resignation as an alderman and my decision not to run again for the School Board reflect this."

"He who serves more than one God, serves no God," Garrett quoted. "I think, and it has been my experience, that no one individual can give each position the full attention it deserves. Conflicts can and will occur, sooner or later. Such conflicts will inevitably result in one office suffering at the expense of the other."

"Representative government should have as wide a variety of different opinions as is possible. Restricting officeholders to one office would greatly reduce the number of people holding office and therefore offer greater variety," Garrett said.

Isenburg was elected Nameoki Township tax collector in the April 1985 election, to start a four-year term Jan. 1, 1986.

Due to the resignation of the former collector on Feb. 28, 1985, Isenburg was appointed April 8, 1985, to the post.

"A County Board member should be allowed to hold more than that office if there is no conflict of interest, if he or she is elected by the voters and if it is lawful in counties under 30,000 population, of which Madison County is one of many," Isenburg said.

"My elected office of township collector is administrative and sets no policy in the collection and distribution annually of over \$3 million in tax dollars," he said.

"The county executive form of government is a current sensitive issue. This form of county government places more power in the hands of one countywide elected official, rather than the majority of 29 members in our current system."

"Without the proper checks and balances, such as a veto and veto override, I could not support the concept. The voters should decide this issue and I'll abide by their decision," Isenburg said.

Garrett said, "County government is still government at the local level and, I feel, should remain that way. The county executive form minimizes the participation of the individual board member and puts all power into the hands of the executive at the expense of the locally-elected official."

Artist's Guild to meet

The Granite City Artist's Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road (Granite City Public Library Branch Library entrance).

The group will discuss Expressionism as opposed to Realism in general artist's works.

Joyce Bennington, Guild member, will share her collection of prints.

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"What this means is that the powerful bureaucracy that would result from the executive form would overwhelm that individual board member and minimize his ability to represent his constituents, therefore denying citizens close local representation in government."

Garrett said the chief election issues are jobs and economic development for District 23.

"During my first term I have increased the number of jobs in county government held by residents of my district, and helped to provide a \$2 million loan to A.O. Smith Corp., now a thriving industry."

"This term I shall continue to increase the number of jobs in both the public and private sector and increase the number of people engaged in job training and re-training through the county's Job Training Program."

"Also, I shall concentrate on economic development in the Venice area, particularly on the Venice riverfront, and be involved in efforts to modernize the McKinley Bridge," Garrett said.

Isenburg, who holds a bachelor of science degree in social science, with emphasis in government and sociology, said he wants to become involved in decision-making that affects the lives and well-being of people in the district.

"County and regional cooperation is necessary to solve today's complex problems. A county board member should act today to avoid problems rather than react tomorrow when they are upon us."

"I will bring to the office new ideas, dedication and hard work to improve the quality of life and economic growth of the Tri-City area in particular, and Madison County in general."

Isenburg added, "Madison County is running out of land for garbage. The board should investigate and provide incentives for development of programs, such as trash-to-energy and trash-to-cash, among others to avoid a near-future crisis."

"We need relief from the high

water-table by participating with the Corps of Engineers and others in the 'deep well' concept; the board should be directly involved to protect residents against groundwater seepage and air contamination."

"The board also should seek alternatives to rate increases; increase its commitment to improve the economy by providing incentives; decide whether the county should become involved in the light-rail system; look into a countywide health department; and work toward more efficient traffic flow to and from St. Louis."

Garrett said a main issue is the 23rd being "a badly gerrymandered district."

"The gerrymandering causes the district to cross too many units of local government, too many people of widely differing social and economic backgrounds. All of this in a unit of local government makes it difficult for the board member to represent the district as a whole."

"During this term, when the County Board is required by law to re-district, I shall change the makeup of the district so that the people in Granite City and Nameoki are represented by someone who lives in that area, and the people in the Venice, Madison and Eagle Park areas are represented by someone from those areas. This is only fair and was the way it was intended," Garrett said.

Garrett has a daughter, Joyce, 17. He attended Washington University and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, studying communications and government. He has held political office for 15 years and has 25 years of "political and community activism."

Isenburg and his wife, Jane, also a teacher, are the parents of Jeffrey, 18, and Amy, 13.

He is a graduate of Illinois State University and has worked with the Tri-Cities Area United Way's Budget and Allocations Committee and the Maryville School PTA. He is a member of Nameoki United Methodist Church.

Two candidates are seeking write-in votes next Tuesday for the Democratic nomination for a new circuit judge position in the Third Circuit Court. They are Associate Judge Charles Romani Jr., 40, Glen Carbon, and Elizabeth Levy, 39, Collinsville, a lawyer.

Such votes are to be written on the envelope containing one's punchcard ballot.

A former Bond County state's attorney for six years and a former Madison County assistant state's attorney for two years, Romani has served as an appointed associate judge since Jan. 14, 1983.

His write-in campaign was endorsed by the Madison County Democratic Central Committee after the sudden death in December 1987 of Lawrence Hartman, Glen Carbon, city attorney for Madison and Venice and the only candidate to file for the judicial post. No name will appear on the ballot.

As a judge, Romani has presided over both civil and criminal cases.

Mrs. Levy, a graduate of the Washington University law school, worked for the St. Louis Legal Aid Society for four years and has been in private practice for the past 10 years.

No Republicans have announced write-in campaigns for the position.

For court-related positions, unopposed 1988 primary candidates include:

Paul E. Riley, D-Edwardsville, for a circuit judge vacancy. Riley, who currently holds

the circuit judgeship by appointment, became an associate judge in September 1985 after long experience as a Madison County public defender.

Philip J. Rarick, D-Troy, a Madison County circuit judge, and Donald Lowery, R-Golconda, a Pope County circuit judge, candidates for a new Fifth Appellate District judgeship in a 37-county Southern Illinois region.

Richard Goldenhersh, D-Bellefonte, a circuit judge of the 20th Circuit, and J. Thomas Long, R-Godfrey, an attorney, candidates for another new appellate judgeship in the Fifth District.

Willard "Butch" Portell, D-Collinsville, clerk of the Third Circuit Court, seeking his eighth consecutive four-year term in the office.

I-255, State Aid 35 link will open

COLLINSVILLE — The Illinois Department of Transportation is announcing that Interstate 255 will be opened from its present closure at I-55/70 northward to the Collinsville-Granite City Road (State Aid 35) on Tuesday, March 15.

The remaining portion of I-255 to I-270 will be opened later this year, probably in the summer.

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Home Market Value	Assessed Value	Additional Tax
\$45,000	\$15,000	\$22.50
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$30.00
\$90,000	\$30,000	\$45.00

Farmland, farm buildings and businesses of the new territory will also receive an assessment increase of fifteen cents per \$100 assessed value if the Hartford Public Library referendum is approved by the voters.

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Maxwell

Sarah Alice (Barnes) Maxwell, 77, Madison, died at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 1988, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center emergency room. She had been ill for several weeks.

Maxwell was born Aug. 17, 1910, in Jackson County, Kan. She was of the Methodist faith and was affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Madison.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Henry (Viola) Bridges, Madison, and two brothers, Charles T. Barnes and Warren A. Barnes, both of Fredericktown, Mo.

Visitation is set for 3 to 8 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel by the Rev. Hugh Wallace. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

McCoy

Minnie L. McCoy, 77, 131 Garcesche Homes, Madison, died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mrs. McCoy was born May 15, 1910, in Starkville, Miss., and had been a resident of the Madison East area for the past 45 years. She was a member of the New Salem Baptist Church, Venice.

She is survived by one adopted son, Henry L. McCoy, St. Louis, eight grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 6, at New Salem Baptist Church, 1349 Klein Ave., Venice, with the Rev. John H. Williams officiating and a eulogy by the Rev. James Turner of West End Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, 1501 Winstanley Ave., East St. Louis, handled the arrangements.

Scherrills

Leona Diane (Barnes) Scherrills, 64, Granite City, was pronounced dead at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 1988, at her home by Deputy Coroner Ed Morton. She had been under a doctor's care.

Mrs. Scherrills was born March 29, 1923, in Madison and was a lifetime resident of the Quad City area.

She retired in 1967 at Southwestern Bell Co., St. Louis, as a telephone operator after 20 years of service.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Leon G. Scherrills, on Dec. 9, 1987.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Shirley) Perigo, Granite City; one brother, Albert Barnes, Granite City; three sisters, Mrs. Floyd (Betty) Williams, Granite City, Mrs. Ed (Mary) Turner, Carbondale, and Mrs. Ethel Bridges, Granite City; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will start at 3 p.m. today (Sunday) at Lahey-Sedack Funeral Home, 2801 Madison Ave. Madison. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Lahey-Sedack, with the Rev. Henry Crisp officiating. Burial will be at National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Shirley

Sgt. 1st Class Charles L. Shirley, 31, U.S. Army, whose parents reside in Madison, was among 17 soldiers killed Tuesday night by two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters from Fort Campbell, Ky., collided on a night training mission.

Sgt. Shirley was stationed at Fort Campbell.

Memorial services for Sgt. Shirley and other members of the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, who died in the crash are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, in the Central Chapel at Fort Campbell, an Army spokesman at the military base said Friday.

Among the survivors are his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Delmer O. (Nola) Shirley, Madison, who have gone to Fort Campbell to attend the services. His father is pastor of New Testament Missionary Baptist Mission, 620 N. 2nd St., St. Louis.

Sgt. Shirley also is survived by his wife, children, brothers and sisters.

Sgt. Shirley enlisted in the Army in 1974. He was not a Quad-City Area resident, but he and his family visited here many times.

The midair collision occurred south of Hopkinsville, Ky., on the Tennessee border. An investigation into the accident was continuing Friday.

Memorial services for members of the Aviation Brigade who died in the crash are set for 9 a.m. Wednesday at Fort Campbell.

Speck

Benjamin Eugene Speck Sr., 50, 2145 Woodlawn Ave., a U.S. Navy veteran, died at 4:57 p.m. Friday, March 11, 1988, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Clayton, Mo., where he was a patient three weeks. He was ill since Feb. 1.

Born May 29, 1928, in Fredericktown, Mo., Mr. Speck resided in

Granite City from childhood until joining the service. He served 21 years in the Navy, retiring as a chief petty officer and recruiter in 1965.

Mr. Speck returned to Granite City in 1966. He was a member of Elks Lodge 1063, Masonic Lodge 835 and Ainald Shrine Temple.

He was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marilyn (Henry) Speck; two sons, Scott E. Speck, Granite City, and Benjamin Speck Jr., San Diego; two daughters, Debra Wilkerson, San Diego, and Brenda Rose, Oregon; his mother, Mrs. Grace Speck, Mount Vernon; a sister, Mrs. Marian Johnson, Mount Vernon; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Friends may call 877-6800 for details.

Tally

Oliver W. Tally, 80, 2104 Wilson Ave., died at 10:25 a.m. Friday, March 11, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was ill three months and hospitalized for the same length of time.

Born March 31, 1907, in Greenville, Mo., Mr. Tally resided 31 years in Granite City. He was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and the Musicians Union.

Mr. Tally served with the U.S. Army as an infantryman in World II, winning two Bronze Star medals. Prior to retiring, he was a bricklayer at General Steel Industries for 36 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wanda (Cunningham) Tally; two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Olivia) Hagerman, Branson, Mo., and Mrs. John (Kathleen) Rudd, Palm Springs, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Elvira (Helen) Chandler, Granite City; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services will be conducted by the Rev. John Davis at 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will be at Glen Carbon Cemetery. Memorials to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church are suggested.

Wallace

Shirley M. (Winters) Wallace, 62, 2164 Grand Ave., died at 5:05 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was a lifetime resident. She was of the Catholic faith.

Her husband, James L. Wallace, died in October 1981 and a daughter, Donna K. Ryan, died in 1986.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Wallace, a captain in the Granite City Fire Department, and Tim and Joe Wallace, all of Granite City; two daughters, Mrs. John (Mick) Bucks, Granite City, and Mrs. Ray (Molly) Bohman, St. Peters, Mo.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Friends may call 877-6800 for details.

Writing contest slated

The McKendree Writer's Association announced its 1988 writing contest.

Cash awards will be presented in each of four categories, and the winning entries will be published in "Mermaid's Tales," the annual publication of the association.

The deadline for entering the contest is March 25.

Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the association's 1988 writing conference to be held May 6 and 7 at the Day's Inn, Edwardsville.

Prizes to be awarded include \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place in each category. The four categories of the contest are poetry (serious verse), poetry (humorous verse), fiction and non-fiction.

To be eligible to enter the contest, it is necessary to join the association by paying the annual dues of \$5. Entry fees for each category are \$3 per poem (maxi-

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Tri-City Regional Port District, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2801 Rock Road.

Nameoki Township, 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, 4250 Illinois 162.

Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, 906 Thorngate Drive.

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.

Venice City Council, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, City Hall, Broadway and Klein Street, Venice.

Madison County Board, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, County Courthouse, Edwardsville.

Venice Township, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 1502 Fifth St., Madison.

Madison School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 1707 Fourth St., Madison.

Fashion folks say Simon's bow tie a plus

By Lucyann Boston
Staff affiliate

If only bows were counted, Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., would be ahead of U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Missouri, in the Democratic presidential sweepstakes.

Simon, it seems, holds a clear edge over Gephardt when it comes to fashion image. In a somewhat less-than-serious poll taken by the Men's Fashion Association of America among the nation's fashion press as to which of the candidates had "The Presidential Look," Simon and Gephardt tied at 14 percent to 7.5 percent. It was the bow tie that did it.

Although Paul Simon doesn't portray the traditional look of presidential candidates, noted one respondent: "he's not afraid to wear his own style and be his own man."

Winning a fashion poll, however, is not necessarily a ticket to the White House. Former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont was victorious on the Republican side, emerging as the favorite in the poll. But shortly after the

survey results were announced he withdrew from the race and to his poor showing in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary.

Like Gov. Jesse Jackson took top honors for the Democrats, coming away with 25.9 percent of the vote. Although Jackson is expected to do well in some southern states, he is not considered a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination.

"All of the candidates dress very cautiously," said Luciano Franzoni, the stylist for Hart Shaffner & Marx, Chicago. "It's a very bland picture. They dress like somebody told them a politician should dress. I happen not to be a Reaganite but at least I respected him for his personal strength. He wore what he felt like wearing."

Simon is the one exception, Franzoni said. "He hasn't changed his style of neckwear just because he's a candidate. He keeps dressing like an old university professor. I say old because university professors don't dress that way anymore."

Christian examples beg for word to be spoken

By John Stahlman
Staff affiliate

I have suggested reading, study, praying and fasting as Lenten exercises to awaken some possibilities for deepening your spiritual life. Those four suggested disciplines emphasized self-control and self-improvement. Now it is time to move outward from self to others.

Unless individual prayer, knowledge and self-control are useful to human society, they risk being unfaithful to God. So where does one begin?

Several biblical patterns motivate us to avoid contentment with private spiritual gains. There is no indication in either scripture or tradition that Mary and Joseph, or even Jesus, talked about the events we celebrate as Christmas. So one must assume that the wise men and wise men accepted the revelation they received as a matter to be shared with those not present. Because the shepherds and wise men talked, Christmas belongs to us as well as to them.

The approaching celebration of Easter would be impossible if the visitors to the empty tomb had kept the revelation to themselves. The good news we hear about Easter is not a secret to be kept. It is a command to "Go and tell."

The Psalms are prayers of individuals made public for our benefit. The conversations of God and the prophets were not private, but were meant to be

heard and used by the world. Talking and telling are the rule. Secrecy and privacy are the exception.

Clearly, then, every Christian following the examples of scripture has an obligation to speak about the spiritual lessons learned by reading, studying and experiencing the message.

Some people say that actions speak louder than words. Some say that talk is less effective than deeds. Some use those apparent truths to excuse themselves from the obligation of sharing their faith experience in words.

But it is really true that words are weaker than acts; that deeds are stronger than words. As Lincoln said at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, "The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here; but it can never forget what we did here." He was wrong. His words have endured. In fact, without his words, the acts would have faded beyond recall.

What better time than Lent will come to practice the conversion of private experience to public witness.

Witnessing, unfortunately, has assumed a negative connotation among many sensitive persons. An examination of the cause for this phenomenon can be used to teach us what we are to avoid.

The effectiveness of religious witnessing springs from the attempt of the witness to remain anonymous and impersonal. A banner hanging in base-

ball stadiums that proclaims "John 3:16" for television viewers persuades no one that God loves him. A tract, in lieu of a gift for a waitress, alienates rather than encourages. Such secret approaches are not only ineffective, but out of step with the biblical dream that the message be shared.

If it talks before listening, the testimony is impotent. If a witness speaks on a personal, "I" basis between two persons, it fails. If it aims at crowds rather than individuals, it falls short.

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Man remains hospitalized following Granite City Steel explosion Mar. 5

GRANITE CITY — One man remains hospitalized following the March 5 explosion at Granite City Steel's basic oxygen furnace.

Harold Wyms, 50, St. Louis, is listed in serious condition with multiple second degree burns in the burn unit at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis. He is BOP (basic oxygen furnace) millwright leader.

Troy Stroud, 58, Granite City, BOF maintenance foreman, was released from St. Joseph Hospital, St. Louis, Thursday and Mike Moellinger, 38, St. Louis, steel conversion foreman, was released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center on Monday.

The three other injured workers were treated and released at St. Elizabeth March 5. They are Dana Walker, BOF welder, Donald Beyer, second furnace man, and Dale Bowles Jr., of the BOF labor staff. All are back at work.

The company said there appears to have been a violent

reaction between water and molten slag in a vessel, resulting from water being released from hood panels that had been damaged by a descending oxygen lance carriage.

A spokesman said, "A detailed system check of the No. 1 vessel charred March 5. After a thorough analysis, limited production was resumed on the No. 1 vessel March 6."

"It is unlikely that production will be limited for three to five weeks until the No. 2 vessel (site of the explosion) is completely repaired. During this time, we will be attempting to obtain slabs from the Great Lakes and other sources to enable us to run the downstream units at full schedule. Various operating scenarios are now being studied to determine the most efficient way to operate."

"No estimate of the cost is available."

Menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetables, apple sauce.

Wednesday - Fried chicken, tater tots, vegetables, fruit cup.

Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, vegetables, fruit cup.

Friday - Fish sandwich on bun, macaroni and cheese, slaw, fruit cup.

Medison Public Schools

Monday - Sausage and shells, Texas toast, corn, apple sauce.

Tuesday - Hot dog on bun, wedged potatoes, sauerkraut, gelatin.

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, french fries, fruit cup, cookies.

Thursday - Fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, pudding.

Friday - Manager's choice.

Venue Public Schools

Monday - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, apple sauce.

Tuesday - Roast beef, buttered noodles, lima beans, fruit jello.

Wednesday - Hamburger on bun, french fries, pineapple chunks.

Thursday - Chicken ravioli, spinach, pear slices.

Friday - Tuna salad, potato chips, pecan pie, chocolate cake.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Pizza, vegetables, celery and carrot sticks, chocolate bars.

Tuesday - Barbecued hot dog, baked beans, french fries, brownies, fruit.

Wednesday - Steak nuggets, mashed potatoes, vegetables, ice cream with fruit.

Thursday - Hamburger, french fries, vegetables, cookies, fruit.

Friday - Hamburger, french fries, vegetables, peanut butter sandwich, blueberry muffin, fruit cup.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday - Steak nuggets with honey or barbecue sauce, french fries, vegetables, slaw, cookies.

Tuesday - Hamburger, french fries, vegetables, pickles, fruit.

Wednesday - Chili or chili mac, crackers, pecan pie, raisins.

Thursday - Baked whole turkey, mashed potatoes or rice, green beans, lettuce, apple sauce.

Friday - Fish, spiral noodles, buttered peas, slaw.

St. Mary's, Madison

Monday - Ravioli, salad, garlic bread, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday - Pizza, potato chips, peas, pineapple.

Wednesday - Taco salad, baked beans, jello with fruit.

Thursday - Barbecued chicken, tater tots, corn, apple sauce.

Friday - Fish nuggets, french fries, mixed vegetables, pears.

Senior Citizens

Monday - Beef fritter with country gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuits, cranberry sauce.

Tuesday - Swiss steak, parsley potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, apple sauce.

Wednesday - Chicken and dumplings, green beans, banana.

Thursday - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, cooked cabbage, cranberry sauce.

Friday - Salmon loaf, cauliflower with cheese sauce, chili salad, cookies.

Head of House

Monday - Baked ham slice, macaroni and cheese, peas, apple sauce.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, garlic toast.

Thursday - Meat loaf with gravy, cottage fries, corn.

Friday - Chili, crackers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce leaf, orange slices.

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McCaskill on McAuliffe special selection panel

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

VENICE — Superintendent of Schools Charles J. McCaskill is one of seven persons invited to serve on the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship selection panel.

McCaskill and others appointed to the panel have been invited by the Governor's Office and the Illinois State Board of Education to review, evaluate and recommend to the U. S. Office of Education proposals qualified to receive consideration for the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program.

The program involves awarding special fellowship grants to teachers in honor of Christa McAuliffe, a wife, mother and teacher from New Hampshire who was chosen to be the first teacher in space.

McCaskill and six other crew members perished Jan. 28, 1986, when the Challenger space shuttle exploded one minute after blasting off from the Kennedy

Space Center in Florida.

McCaskill said the selection panel will convene in Springfield at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, and is expected to complete its evaluation and recommendations by noon March 22.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed by the State Board of Education. McCaskill told Venice School Board members at their Feb. 25 meeting. The board approved McCaskill's participation in the program.

Last year, 34 proposals were submitted for consideration, according to Richard P. Short, State Board scholarship officer.

The deadline for submitting proposals this year is March 15. McCaskill, a native of North Venice, became Venice superintendent Jan. 1, succeeding Robert N. Vickers, who retired.

McCaskill is former superintendent of the Lovely School District and previously was an administrator and teacher for 25 years in the Madison School District.

Grigsby honor roll announced

The following is a list of students who made the first quarter honor roll at Grigsby Junior High School:

Seventh grade:

Paul Austin, Laura Baggett, Michelle Baker, Brett Barron, Kari Batson, Kari Bennett, Misty Black, Vicky Brandt, Bradley Brees, Timothy Bryan, Mary Cooper, Erin Davis, Wendy Denson, Jamie Egbert, Lisa Fernandez, Matthew Foret, Nicole Graves, Chris Greer, Donald Hadick, Jason Hall, Robyn Harper, Benjamin Hicks, Regan Hildebrand, David Hoffman, Kimberly Holloway, Jason Irie, Christopher Johnson, Staci Johnson, Gladys Lamb, Michelle Lee, Jason Maxwell, Sarah Mench, Jason Millar, Eric Miner, Gabriel Mitchell, Heather Nail, Jason Naylor, Keith Nussbaum, David Partee, Janice Poole, Terry Prather, Amy Rainier, Beth Rapoff, Bryan Reed, Andrew Richards, Jason Richardson, Heather Sanders, Rebecca Schwab, Shawn Sheikh, James Smothers, Michael Speer, Paul Stephane, Lorrie Trower, Robert Vincent, Bryan Welsner, Amanda Westbrook, Derek Wolfe and Tara Wyatt.

Eighth grade:
Grant Badger, Darla Bauer, William Black, Dean Boswell, Patricia Brinkhoff, Dana Bugn, Tonya Burton, JoAnn Buxton, Matthew Chandler, Amy Choat, David Costello, John Cozlar.

Thomas Daugherty, Bruce

Scholarship won

Granite City High School senior Michael McCormick has been awarded a Dean's Scholarship to attend Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. McCormick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCormick, of 2 Steele Drive, Granite City.

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Sophomores perform well on college aptitude test

By Paul Guggina
Staff writer

District 9 officials are pleased with the results of a new college aptitude examination given to high school sophomores last fall.

Results, released to the district last week by the American College Testing service, showed Granite City students scored an average of 5.9 points higher than the national norm. The average composite score for the 97 students tested was 18.9 compared to the national norm of 13.0.

"Since this is the first time the test has been given, there is no national average to compare us with. The 'national norm' is what the ACT expects students to score," said Mike Johnson, a counselor at the high school.

The exam, P-ACT Plus, has been designed as a preliminary test for sophomores planning to

take the ACT in their junior or senior years, Johnson said. It will not be used for college placement.

"Hopefully, this will give them some experience so they will know what to expect when they take the test," Johnson said.

The P-ACT Plus may help students increase their scores on the ACT, which are offered four times each year, Johnson said.

Last year, the average ACT score for Granite City students was 19.4, seven-tenths of a point above the national average, according to statistics compiled by Sonya Adkerson, coordinator of the high school's guidance department.

"Educationally the last couple of years we have been pushing forward," Walmisley said. "We're going to try to keep on that track."

Pupils honor presidents

The Marshall School PTA met Feb. 16 in the school gym, with Superintendent Gilbert Walmisley presenting the concept of the "Primary Intermediate Center."

PTA President Emil Klug updated projects for the school year, including student field trips and the purchase of ribbons and certificates for sports competitions and ceiling fans for 13 classrooms.

Lisa Morlen said a spaghetti dinner is set from 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the cafeteria. Cost will be \$2.50 per plate, with children under 6 admitted free. Volunteers were sought to help cook and serve the food.

Members of fifth grade classes presented a program, "A Presidential Birthday Celebration," on the school stage.

Lillian Phillips' class gave the play, "Ten Pennies for Lincoln." The setting was a meeting of the Rail Splitters' Club, and initiatives were accepted only when they displayed character qualities of which Abraham Lincoln would have approved.

The cast included Joseph Gram, Matthew Vollmar, Heather Mathes, Richard Cooper, Michael Brice, Amy Boring, Jacob Gauen, Tonya Nagle, Larry Finley, Dottie Herson, Jason Hitchcock, Tara Dunn, Jason



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'Switching Channels' nifty little comedy

SWITCHING CHANNELS—Romantic comedy set in the world of wireless journalism, with Burt Reynolds as an eccentric cable TV news director and Kathleen Turner playing an outrageously competitive reporter fighting to get her stories on the air.

Rated PG. (Language)

Harry Hamm

"Switching Channels" (3½ stars) is an attempt to update two classic film comedies about the world of journalism: "The Front Page" from 1931 and "His Girl Friday" from 1940. It is a real challenge since "His Girl Friday" was a remake of the original "Front Page," and it was redone again in 1974 using the original title, starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Carol Burnett.

Add to that the fact that the current comedy hit "Best of News" has been nominated for an Oscar as Best Picture and it all totals up to a less-than-desirable time to release "Switching Channels."

The pairing of Burt Reynolds and Kathleen Turner as the husband and wife who must work together on a cable television news network brings good laughs, if not authentic landmark comedy.

Of the two, Turner fares better, turning her ace-girl-reporter-in-love character into a colorful, brash and very comedic lady who will wear you out watching her. She is a very athletic performer in "Switching Channels," a fact that is all the more notable because she is in her first trimester of a pregnancy while shooting the film.

But Reynolds does almost as well playing Sully, her still in-love ex-spouse who is the network's news director. It is evident that this is an important role for Reynolds, who started the film three weeks into production after Michael Caine dropped out. He puts forth his most determined and effective comedy work in vignettes.

"Switching Channels" is a noble little effort that succeeds as a slightly above-average comedy with some hilarious moments.

Frank Hunter

Burt Reynolds returns to fast-talking film farce in "Switching Channels" (3½ stars), so it's time for rejecting, considering some of the atrocious stuff that



KATHLEEN TURNER is a TV anchorwoman and Burt Reynolds is her network boss and ex-husband who tries to keep her from leaving the business in "Switching Channels."

has come his way in recent years.

On most counts, this is a pretty nifty little update of the Ben Hecht-Charles MacArthur romantic comedies "The Front Page" and "His Girl Friday," which lampooned the world of print journalism in the 1930s.

But while newspaper types get their lumps, the sharp focus of "Switching Channels" is on competitive reporters working for a cable television network.

The pace is frantic and flamboyantly absurd; there is absolutely nothing subtle about this picture. And breezy Chicago-style journalism is once again the order of the day, with Reynolds making a welcome return to light comedy.

Rather than a crusty newspaper managing editor, Reynolds is a zany cable television news director hungry for headlines.

His ex-wife (Kathleen Turner) works for him, an aggressive all-around fire-bell reporter as comfortable rushing out to cover rapes, murders and puff features as she is putting city hall politicians on the pan.

They are a formidable pair in the film, which is set in a television newsroom turned upside down when Turner brings around a lover and potential husband played by Christopher Reeve.

He is a rich, vain, sexy, rather stupid athlete to support research and no match for Reynolds when

it comes to convincing ways and badinage. Reynolds pulls out all the stops in seeing to it that Reeve does not make time with his former wife.

The film is a generally solid farce, and fans fond of the wisecracking Reynolds will find him very much at home here.

High marks also go to Turner and Reeve who handle the banter-and-broad comedy like a pair of old-time stage pros.

MOVING—Laid-off metropolitan transportation engineer Richard Pryor and his family quit the New Jersey suburbs for Boise, Idaho, and the trip west is not exactly a piece of cake.

Rated R. (Language, vulgarity.)

Harry Hamm

Richard Pryor looks bewildered and performs at half-speed in "Moving" (1½ stars), a domestic comedy about a family forced to move from the suburbs of New Jersey to Boise, Idaho.

Complications for Pryor's character in "Moving" include a militant, crazy neighbor played by Randy Quaid; a moving company run by thugs; and a young man who is hired by Pryor to drive his prized possession, a turbo Saab, from New Jersey to Idaho. The driver is played hilariously by Dana Garvey, the talented young comedian/writer from "Saturday Night Live," who has made the Church Lady a household name.

There is some vulgarity in the dialogue but the sight gags get some laughs, with comedian Pryor delivering an adroit performance as the beleaguered transplanted engineer.

Beverly Todd is suitable as Pryor's wife, with Stacey Dash cast as their teen-age daughter who won't leave her boyfriend. Raphael and Ismael Harris are twin sons whose dual identity helps win a local track meet.

There are plenty of good opportunities in "Moving" for Pryor to do what he does best, but his patented style of wide-eyed, panicked movie comedy routines hardly ever surfaces. It all makes "Moving" a deadly slow comedy that has very few real laughs.

Frank Hunter

For most people, vacating one house for another is about as much fun as two hours with the oral surgeon.

Cross-country moves are even worse, and for the character played by Richard Pryor in "Moving" (2½ stars), relocation to Boise, Idaho, is tantamount to being buried alive.

That's the drift of this fairly bright comedy in which Pryor plans to hike west from New Jersey with his family and finds himself, tormented by frustrations heaped on his head by

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War films sheeling home video market

By Nick and Eileen Pacino
Staff affiliates

"Hamburger Hill" followed close on the heels of "Platoon" in popularity and critical approval from critics and Vietnam vets alike. Like "Platoon," it focused on personalities as well as bloodshed, and succeeded at both.

"Hamburger Hill" is a vivid story of a squad of soldiers who fight in one of the most brutal battles of the Vietnam War, as they attempt to take Hill 937.

After 10 days and 11 grinding assaults, it was called Hamburger Hill. Based on veteran Jim Carabatsos' experiences (and translated to the film's script), the film creates an almost documentary effect as it details Operation Apache Snow, which began on May 10, 1969, with troops of the famed 101st Airborne Division.

Neither the characters nor the audience is expected to know why this hill was so important. That's what makes the carnage that follows so heart-wrenching and pointless.

Although the battle scenes are spectacular, the at-asec scenes suffer from too-literary soliloquies and artificial dialogue, but "Hamburger Hill" has skillfully used a cast of unknowns to show the grit and grime of jungle warfare and the personal conflicts they endure. Vestron Video, rated R for violence, language, nudity, 104 mins., color, VHS/Beta stereo.

Mickey Rourke continued to refine his unshaven, rumped characterization adding the intriguing fill-up of an Irish brogue in the intriguing suspense thriller "A Prayer For The Dying." Based on Jack Higgins' novel, Rourke plays IRA terrorist Martin Fallon, nicknamed by the random innocent victim violence, who wants to pull out for the United States.

But Fallon finds too many

want a pound of flesh, like mobster Jack Meehan (Alan Bates), a slimy, unattractive who will exchange a passport only for another death. Former freedom fighter, now a man of the cloth, the Rev. DeCosta (Bob Hoskins) witnesses the killing and provides Fallon with his first chance to renounce bloodshed and to experience innocence. That innocence is in the form of DaCosta's blind niece, Anna (Sammi Davis the teen-age daughter in "Hope and Glory"). Anna senses Fallon's goodness and the two develop a close relationship.

With the mob and former IRA friends after him, Fallon brings climactic violence into DaCosta's family and church but ultimate redemption to himself. Although Rourke and Bates are fascinating to watch in their roles, obvious symbolism and a soap opera plot mar an otherwise exciting movie. Virgin Vision, rated R for violence, language, adult situations, 104 mins., in color, VHS/Beta Stereo.

Jane Fonda's exercise tapes have broken all records for sales and rentals ever since their inception. Joining her library of titles is a special limited edition "Light exercise regimen" called "Start Up With Jane Fonda" that will be available to distributors and retailers for only six weeks starting this week.

Originally designed as a special promotion for Nabisco Shredded Wheat, the tape is reasonably priced and offers two consumer rebates with proof of purchase. Although not part of the Jane Fonda Fitness Library series, this tape is perfect for the person who is only interested in moderate, 20-minute sessions. The exercise routine increases body awareness, flexibility, posture and balance, zeroing in on the arms, legs, hips, buttocks and stomach. Lorimar Home Video, 25 mins., color, VHS/Beta.

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Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants aiding drive

Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants nationwide have begun their 10th annual "Col. Sanders Memorial March of Dimes" campaign. The national fundraising campaign was announced by John Brown of the Granite City Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant and Ed Owens of the Greater St. Louis/Illinois Area March of Dimes.

"With help from our customers, we can work together toward a healthier future for America's children," Brown said.

Restaurant employees are

encouraging customers to leave their change in special donation canisters to support the March of Dimes' fight against birth defects. Throughout the campaign, Kentucky Fried Chicken also will sponsor special events to benefit the drive.

"Half the funds raised during the campaign will be spent right here in the Greater St. Louis/St. Louis Area to support community programs," Owens said. "The other half is added to the Col. Sanders Memorial Endowment Fund to support research aimed at finding the cause and

cure of birth defects."

The March of Dimes was established in 1938 by Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt to conquer polio. It is the only voluntary health organization to achieve its goal. In 1958, the March of Dimes rededicated its efforts to eliminating birth defects, which afflict 250,000 infants each year in the U.S. alone.

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Sports
CommentBy Gary
King

Goodbye to you

"But knowing how way leads to way, I doubt I would come back here again."

When the legendary scribe penned these words, he was starting at a change. He was about to abandon one path of life in pursuit of another.

Sooner or later, we are all faced with similar predicaments. And while change is often an exercise in uncertainty, life without it amounts to little more than a stagnant existence.

After two and a half years as a part-time sportswriter at the Press-Record/Journal, I have arrived at my personal crossroads, and I find its implications to be bittersweet.

I have been given a full-time job with one of our sister papers, the *Cahokia-Dupo Journal*, which is making the transition to a bi-weekly newspaper by adding a Friday edition.

This, of course, means that I will be leaving the Press-Record/Journal. And, like Frost, knowing how way leads on to way, I have reservations as to whether life's upheavals will lead me back this particular way.

The purpose of this column is not to mourn over what I leave behind here. It's to express appreciation for opportunities this job has provided me.

As a life-long resident of Granite City, there was no question in my mind when I started here in the fall of 1985 that I would be working with and around good people.

The coaches, fans and players I have met since then have done nothing to dispel that theory. It has been my experience that coaches, players and fans — sports' most vital trinity — in the Tri-Cities are as gracious in defeat as they are elated in victory.

In this, a day when the push is on winning At All Costs, there's certainly something to be said for that.

Sure, there have been the good times. There have been the weekend nights when the local teams have won big, the crowd has cheered, the band has played, etc. etc.

For some strange reason, though, those are the nights I'll most remember when I think back to my stint in this town.

My remembrance will be on those times that have tried the very character of high school athletes, coaches and fans.

Sometimes these instances involved hard-fought losses, like the Madison Trojan football team's 7-4 loss to Freeburg last fall, when a Trojan player dropped what would have been the winning touchdown in the game's final seconds.

There have also been times, as was the case for the warrior basketball team this winter, when these instances hung like the darkest of clouds over an entire season.

I guess I'll most remember these times because they test the courage, heart and perseverance of the people involved. It's easy to bask in victory, but losing, being able to accept it, and then converting it into a lesson well-learned, requires effort.

And that's something I've seen plenty of.

Goodbyes tend to be meaningless. So let me simply thank you, the area sports readers, for allowing me into your living rooms the past 30 months.

It's been an experience I promise never to forget.

Lincoln romps over Maroons 77-45

By Carl Jacobs
Staff writer

EAST ST. LOUIS — When Lincoln decides it wants to do specific things in a game, the team does it up right.

Against Belleville West in the East St. Louis Sectional final, the Tigers wanted to build an early lead and stop the Maroons three-point sharpshooters. Lincoln did both in fine fashion and coasted to a 77-45 win.

With the win, Lincoln (24-4) advances to the Carbondale SuperSectional on Tuesday where they will face Centralia, a 56-53 overtime winner over Benton last Friday. Belleville West finished with a 20-9 record.

The Tigers prepared to take an early lead against the Maroons and stop their long-range bombs before the game even started. Lincoln used every minute of its warm-up time on the court instead of going to the locker room for a pre-game lecture from Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis.

The results couldn't have been any better as the Tigers jump to 14-1 lead in the first seven minutes and two seconds of the game.

"We only used about 13 minutes of our warm-up time against Alton (the Tigers sectional semifinal opponent) they beat 88-69 Wednesday) but wanted them to use the full 20 minutes to get ready," Lewis said.

"We wanted to build a lead early," Tiger All-American LaPhonso Ellis said. "Sometimes the calls get controversial if the game is close late."

There was no chance of any controversy in this game. Lincoln hit four of its first five shots and sped to a 8-0 lead. Tiger Vincent Jackson tip-in a missed shot to give Lincoln a 10-0 lead. Finally, after six minutes of play, the Maroons got on the board when Brian Holt hit a free throw.

"They just physically overwhelmed us in the first quarter," Maroon coach Roger Mueller said. "They move the ball on the fast break, they dish the ball off skillfully and didn't let us take the three pointer."

Lewis scouted the Maroons in their sectional semifinal against Collinsville and was well aware of Belleville West's gunners.

"We knew if we let them get their feet set they could hit the three pointers," Lewis said. "When you defend against a three-point shot you can't play on your heels to play the ball. So we wanted to make sure we got on them as soon as they got the ball."

Lincoln used a full-court press and a trap defense to get two steals in the first six minutes of the game. When the Maroons did get by the Lincoln guards, the Tigers last line of defense — Ellis — was there to block three shots in the first period. Ellis finished with 13 rejections.

It all added up to a 22-3 Tiger lead after one quarter. Belleville West kept the game from being a total disaster by hitting four of its first five shots in the second quarter, including a three pointer from Dan Biegler. The spurt cut Lincoln's lead to 26-23.

"We knew we were going to have to do two things to beat Lincoln," Mueller said. "We needed to take care of the ball and attack aggressively down low. We did that early in the second and fourth quarters. But when we would drive in four or five feet of Ellis that was zero. You have to take him down real low and make him guard you."

After the Maroons closed the Lincoln gap to 11, the Tigers promptly went on a 11-3 run that

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Lincoln
Belleville West: Zuber 2, Blumczyk 2, Hennessey 2, Holt 24, Smith 5, Tyler 2, Siegel 8. FG-18, 6 3-pointers FT-4, 9-11.
Lincoln: McClellan 4, Ellis 22, 14 rebounds, 13 blocked shots, Martin 20, Jackson 12, Bradford 8, 0 assists, Stevenson 4, Lewis 4, Harris 2. FG-23, 0 3-pointers FT-16, 19-21.

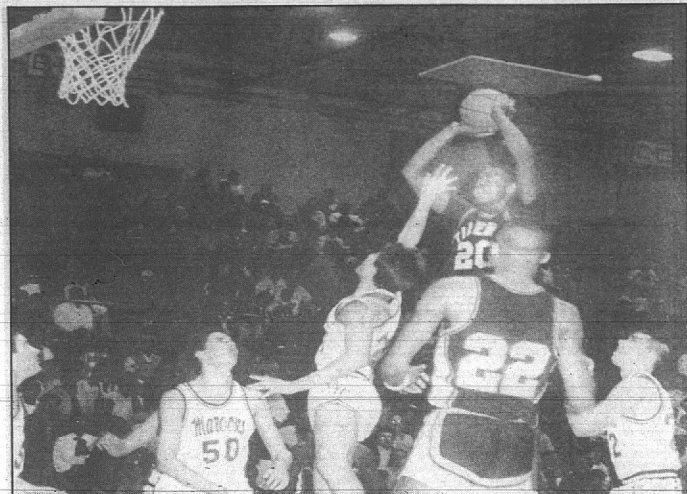
gave them a 35-16 lead with less than three minutes remaining in the half. Ellis personally took over in the closing minutes of the second quarter. He blocked three shots and scored the Tigers last four points of the first half.

"Ever since the Collinsville holidays, he has taken over," Lewis said. "We told him when the season started that he'd have to do that because we don't have the kind of help on the front line that we had last year."

"It's not like you can just guard Ellis," Mueller said. "They have a good balanced attack."

Tigers Cuzzo Martin, 20 points, six steals, three assists; Vincent Jackson, 12 points and nine rebounds; and Lawrence Bradford, nine points and seven assists backed Ellis' effort.

"We have hurt a lot of teams that thought they just had to stop LaPhonso Ellis to beat Lincoln," Ellis said.



LAPHONSO ELLIS (20) of East St. Louis Lincoln goes up for shot against a Belleville West defender. Ellis finished with 22 points, 14 rebounds and 13 blocked shots. (Staff photo by Carl Jacobs)

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All-conference teams named

Ten Warriors received all-Southwestern Conference honors in results announced this week.

State qualifier Brent Davis (112 pounds) and three others were named to the first team in balloting done by the conference coaches. Joining Davis on the first team were Scott Moss (119 pounds), Bryan Pritchett (126) and Terry Stanley (185).

Second-team selections from Granite City were Todd Hutchinson (98), Rich Fenoglio (138), Dan Grayson (155), Chris Hoffman (167) and Dale Hutson (276). Jerold Moss (132) was an honorable mention selection.

Davis, a junior, finished the season with a 37-4 mark including the Granite City Sectional championship. Davis made his second successive trip to state. Scott Moss, a senior, finished at 25-9 and advanced to sectional competition. Pritchett, a junior, was 16-1 and also advanced to the sectional. Stanley, a senior, was 21-11.

Hutchinson, a sophomore, finished at 8-6, including a championship at the holiday tournament. Fenoglio, a senior, was 20-7 and advanced to the sectional. Grayson, a junior, was 18-16. Hoffman, just a sophomore, was 14-15 and advanced to the sectional.

Jerold Moss, a junior, finished at 15-8.

The Warriors had the most representatives on the all-conference team. The four first-teamers were also high for the conference. Granite City had a

15-9-1 dual meet record.

Girls basketball

Jennifer Cavaness was a first-team all-conference selection as a sophomore. The 6-1 center finished the season averaging 17.5 points per game, third in the conference and sixth in the area. Cavaness also averaged 11.9 rebounds, leading the conference in that category and finishing third in the area.

Kim Pawlak, another sophomore for the Warriors, earned second-team honors. The sharp-shooting guard averaged 15.3 points a game, good for 15th in the area and sixth in the SWC. Her 17 three-pointers were the most in the conference and placed her fourth in the area. Pawlak also shot 724 from the free-throw line, best in the SWC and fourth in the area.

Senior Wendy Knollman was also a second-team selection. The Warrior point guard led the conference in assists (160, 7.0 per game) and steals (93, 4.0 per game). The Lady Warriors finished 15-9-1.

Boys basketball

It was hardly a season to write home about, but it's not surprising that the Warriors had only one player, center Kevin Sanders, named to the all-conference boys team.

Sanders, an honorable mention selection, was one of the better rebounders in the area but missed the post-season with a knee injury. The Warriors were 4-21 this season.

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1st team

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2nd team

89 - TODD HUTCHINSON, Sr. (92), 105 - Anthony Caplan, Jr. (92), 112 - Andy Jaeger, Sr. (92), 119 - Steve Voss, Jr. (92), 126 - Joe Dauterich, Jr. (92), 132 - Andrew Johnson, Jr. (92), 138 - RICH FENOGLIO, Sr. (92), 145 - JIM ALLEN, Sr. (92), 155 - DAN GRAYSON, Sr. (92), 167 - CHRIS HOFFMAN, Sr. (92), 185 - TERRY STANLEY, Sr. (92), 275 - JIM COOPER, Sr. (92).

3rd team

88 - Tim Ladd, Jr. (82), 105 - Rob Fisher, Sr. (82), 112 - Chris Fulkner, Jr. (82), 119 - Stanford Ogleby, Jr. (82), 126 - Jeff Fink, Jr. (82), 132 - JEROME JOHNSON, Sr. (82), 138 - BRIAN KEAN, Jr. (82), 145 - JIM ALLEN, Sr. (82), 155 - DAN GRAYSON, Sr. (82), 167 - FRANK ARNOLD, Sr. (82), 185 - TERRY STANLEY, Sr. (82), 275 - JIM COOPER, Sr. (82).

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Law doesn't insure downtown stadium

Gov. John Ashcroft signed into law a measure creating a St. Louis Regional Sports Authority, but the move does not guarantee construction of a new downtown stadium.

Ashcroft signed the legislation Tuesday but warned he would withhold state funding for a stadium - \$4 million a year - until a commitment is made to bring a National Football League franchise to St. Louis.

Like the state, St. Louis city and county also will pay \$4 million a year for the stadium.

But a firm commitment for another team to replace the Cardinals, whom owner William V. Bidwill has announced will move to Phoenix, is only one of several issues Ashcroft wants decided before he will support the use of state money for the project.

Ashcroft said he also wants guarantees:

• Voters in St. Louis city and county will approve funding for the stadium. County Executive Gene McNary has said he would seek an increase in the hotel/motel tax to provide the county's \$4 million-a-year share. But city officials have not yet identified a source of city money.

The benefits to the state resulting from a new stadium will exceed the state's cost. Some outside legislators argued against using state money for the project. State money that would be appropriated to the sports authority now goes into the general fund.

The stadium will be properly managed. Butler of the General Assembly's Legislative Research Committee said the law does not specify who will manage the stadium. He said the sports authority commission

could manage it directly or contract with an outside manager.

Butler drafted the legislation. The legislation setting up the authority, which was sponsored by state Rep. Anthony Ribaudo, D-St. Louis, initially was aimed at keeping the football Cardinals in St. Louis. However, after it became clear that Bidwill was going to move the team, the measure then became an attempt to attract another team.

The sports authority would be governed by an 11-member commission.

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Lincoln Day crowd belongs to Bush

By Jack C. Ventimiglia
Executive editor

BETHALTO — The Lincoln Day Dinner crowd belonged to Vice President George Bush.

Others, including Elizabeth Dole who spoke for her husband, Sen. Bob Dole, drew polite applause and cheers Thursday, but when Bush bounded onto the platform the crowd of about 200 rose to greet him with a standing ovation.

In the background, the theme song "Rocky" played, but it was anything but a rocky night for the Republican Party's front-runner. With his closest opponent, Dole, cutting back campaign spending and speculation building that Dole would drop from the race, Bush launched into a call for party unity.

The small but vocal contingent of Dole supporters cheered when Bush said that no matter who wins the party's nomination, all Republicans should back the nominee.

Bush then repeated his anti-protectionism strategy, saying he would not allow it. He said

farmers would be the first hurt if trade embargoes were enacted, as some have suggested.

"Food should not be used as a foreign policy weapon," Bush said, and told the crowd President Jimmy Carter's grain embargo against the Soviet Union continues to hurt American farmers.

Bush brought cheers when he said education should be a national priority.

"I want to be the education president. This is the United States of America and we should be number one in education," he said.

Bush drew an "amen" from a man in the front row after calling for voluntary silent prayer in school. He said the United States Supreme Court and Congress open with prayer.

Then, concerning prayer and Congress, Bush added, "With all respect, they need it."

Among several Granite Citizens on hand, Bush were Sen. Ward Alderman Brett Hanke and Darrell Harbison, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Both declined free video tapes featuring a campaign pitch by Jack Kemp, who had dropped out of the race earlier in the day, and Phyllis Schlafly, who had planned to be a Kemp delegate.

Harbison said the same tapes, which a man at the dinner was handing out from a shopping bag to anyone who'd take them, had been going for \$15 each last week.

Other Republicans appearing with Bush included Gov. James Thompson, Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar, state Sen. Frank Watson, and 21st Congressional District hopeful Bob Gaffner.

Gaffner was cheered when he announced his race is one of six in the House targeted Thursday by the Republican Party's National Committee. He said he could not predict which Democrat would be his opponent, but said he expected it to be a close race.

Bush gave a plug to Gaffner, saying, "He's finally going to replace Mel Price in Congress."



Gov. Jim Thompson applauds Vice President George Bush. (Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

Jackson to make Venice stop Monday

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

VENICE — Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson will make a short stopover Monday morning in Venice, it was announced Thursday night.

Jackson and his staff on board two campaign buses will travel along Broadway and stop outside the Venice Recreation Center, 323 Broadway about 8 a.m. Monday, said Toni Perrin, a Jackson delegate and coordinator of the candidate's itinerary in this area.

Fresh from a strong showing in Southern states, Jackson will address supporters at a rally at 7 p.m. today (Sunday) at East St. Louis High School. Hundreds are expected to attend.

Jackson will remain in this area overnight Sunday, stopping in Venice on his way to Alton High School where a rally is planned, Perrin said.

"I hope everyone will come out and line Broadway all the way to the recreation center," the Rev. John Henry Williams, coordinator of the Venice-Madison Jesse Jackson for President Committee, said Thursday.

Allegations leveled in state's attorney race

By Jack C. Ventimiglia
Executive editor

GRANITE CITY — Probation for a man originally sentenced to six years in prison shows State's Attorney Dick Allen fails to represent the public, charged County Board member Bill Haine, Alton.

Haine, 42, is challenging Allen, 62, Granite City, for the state's attorney post in the March 15 Democratic primary. Haine blamed Allen for the drug delivery conviction being changed to possession and a lighter sentence.

Haine said Allen allowed Joseph Brule, Granite City, to get a lighter sentence after a conviction for delivering 30 grams of the drug, methamphetamine, to a woman from whom Brule received \$300. The delivery was video-taped by an agent for the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois.

Allen said a problem in the way Brule's defense was handled became evident after the conviction. When that happens, the conviction can be changed, Allen said.

"There's nothing unusual about this," Allen said.

Haine said, "In treating this man who was in the Dick Allen thumbed his nose at the state laws as to controlled drugs."

Allen said he agreed to change the charge because Brule's attorney, John Gitchoff, Granite City, had not interviewed witnesses who could have testified Brule did not know what was being delivered.

In an affidavit filed Feb. 18, 1986, Gitchoff stated the witness for Brule "could have been subpoenaed, (but) counsel failed to do so; counsel failed to contact and interview the other witnesses, and now recognizes he should have done so."

Brule was charged in July 1982 with delivering the drug and was sentenced in circuit court on Sept. 16, 1984, to six years in prison. The verdict was upheld in the Fifth Appellate District Court on April 25, 1985. Brule remained in jail awaiting the result of a post-conviction petition, which was filed Jan. 30, 1986.

10 police chiefs endorse Haine

Ten police chiefs on Thursday endorsed William R. Haine of Alton for the Democratic nomination for Madison County state's attorney.

Haine is challenging Dick Allen, the incumbent state's attorney, in Tuesday's primary election. Haine announced the endorsements at a news conference in Edwardsville.

"I'm happy to see the faith these gentlemen have placed in me and I'm very well aware of the courage it took to go on record," Haine said.

The endorsement came in a letter to county voters, saying in part: "We believe that the interests of justice will best be served with a competent administrator such as Bill Haine."

"For the sake of our officers, for the sake of our families, and for the overall well-being of our communities, we believe a change has to be made," the letter said.

Alton Police Chief Donald Sandridge and Bethalto Police Chief James R. Reno appeared with Haine at the news conference.

Sandridge said the performance of the state's attorney's office under Allen is "the worst I've seen in 26 years as a police officer." Reno said the office is the worst in his 19 years' experience.

"We've just lost confidence in the state's attorney's office," Sandridge said.

Haine said he was honored by the chiefs' endorsement. He said he had received encouragement from other chiefs, but recognizes that they must deal with Allen's office at least until December.

Haine said police officers "have a stake in the good performance of the criminal justice system." He said they believe the present state's attorney's office is "not adequate for the protection of the people of Madison County."

Haine repeated his promise to end plea-bargaining in cases involving violent crimes and home invasion. "The rights of the accused will be protected, but also the rights of citizens and victims," he said.

The endorsement letter was signed by chiefs Sandridge, Reno, Jim Lloyd of Roxana, Dennis L. Carpenter of South Roxana, Jerome D. Woodbridge of Hartford, Ralph R. Skinner of Wood River, Clarence E. Quinley of Troy, Kenneth D. Onviller of Hannibal, Charles J. Bridick of Madison and James Nichols of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois, a statewide drug enforcement agency.

Haine said he has the unanimous endorsement of the Alton Police Benevolent Association, a 64-member group.

Thomas wants answers from Burke

By Jack C. Ventimiglia
Executive editor

GRANITE CITY — Coroner candidate Bob Thomas disputes what his opponent, Coroner Dallas Burke, had to say about money received by her office.

Burke said money received for work done by her office "didn't go to me," something Thomas disputes. Burke repeated Friday that all fees were distributed to deputy coroners.

Thomas produced a copy of a canceled check for \$32 cashed March 13, 1986.

"She did not deposit this particular check in any coroner's bank account; she simply cashed it. Nobody knows how many more there are like this. I think she owes that to the voters of Madison County to immediately release any records that she has," Thomas said in a press release Thursday.

Burke said the check and others were cashed and the money turned over to the deputy coroner who did the inquest. She said the practice was explained to the County Board's Finance Committee.

"The Finance Committee was aware of that. No one ever told me different," she said.

Because of Thomas' question, Burke earlier in the week requested clarification from the state's attorney's office. Burke on Friday afternoon received word from Nelson Metz, assistant state's attorney, that Illinois law requires her to keep a record of expenditures and receipts. The record is to be audited by the County Board and the balance is to go to the county.

Burke has not been turning in a record of fees and they have not been audited, Oswald Mata, manager of financial systems for the county auditor's office, said Friday. He said the situation will be addressed in a meeting planned with Burke.

"We are definitely going to meet and we are working out a procedure. That issue will be addressed," Mata said.

Thomas also said Burke did not collect some inquest fees as had been required by law. Thomas said Burke "owes the voters a complete explanation as to what methods she used to try and collect inquest fees that she claims were uncollectible."

Burke said uncollected bills were turned over to the state's attorney monthly for collection, but collecting did not go well.

Simon seeks win in home state

By David Rocks
P-R/J Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — With "Super Tuesday" out of the way, Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois again has become a focus of attention as his home state prepares for its primary Tuesday.

Simon, after a string of losses in early primaries, decided to ignore Super Tuesday contests and concentrate instead on Illinois and later primaries in other states. He is expected to do well on his home turf despite strong competition from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and others.

On Super Tuesday, when voters in 20 states and one territory chose among the candidates, Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, Jackson and Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore were the Democratic winners. Dukakis won eight states, Gore won six and Jackson won five.

Rep. Richard Gephardt won only his home state of Missouri.

And Simon polled no more than 5 percent of the popular vote in any state holding a primary and won no delegates.

Simon has said his decision not to campaign in the Super Tuesday contests does not mean he is dropping out of the race entirely and maintains he will take the lion's share of Illinois' 173 pledged delegates. But most political analysts disagree.

Simon had a dismal showing Tuesday and he now stands virtually no chance of winning the nomination, but he needs to stay in the race to please other Illinois politicians, said Robert D. Squier, a political consultant at the Communications Company.

Many Illinois party leaders who have pledged their support to the senator would be shut out of the Democratic convention in Atlanta if Simon were to drop out of the race, Squier said.

"I think that what he is doing is something very smart. He had gotten a lot of support in his

home state and those people want to go to the convention," Squier said. "If he's got 100 delegates, then he is a broker."

Stephen Hess, a political analyst at the Brookings Institution, rejected the "power broker" scenario and said Simon may be "the big loser" of Super Tuesday.

Hess said Simon, who may have been banking on winning in Illinois as a "favorite son" candidate — hoping to come to the convention with a block of supporters that he could use to influence the party's platform — may lose much of his home-state support because of his showing on Super Tuesday.

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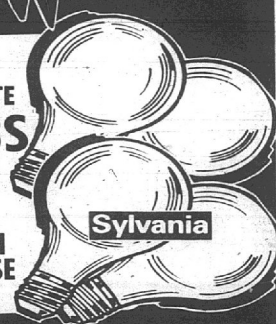
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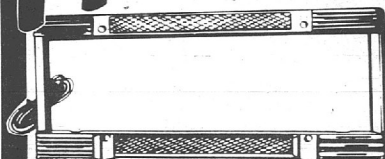
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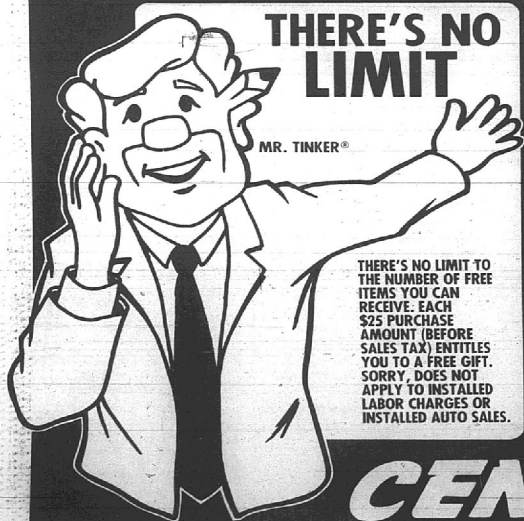
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